[English]

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very ghastly incident which had taken place on the 14th August, 1991, a day just before we were celebrating our Independence Day.

In Nalgonda District, in Chalakurty town, a woman aged 48, Mrs. Muttamma, was stripped naked. She was then forcefully taken to a mandi. There she was asked to stand. Later, she was asked to move about in the streets in that village in broad day light by three persons belonging to upper caste, just because they thought that she was having some connection with an incident in which a boy belonging to the backward class and a girl belonging to an upper caste fell in love with each other. Since their parents did not appreciate their love affairs, they decided to go out of the place.

I would request the Central Government to contact the State Government to see that immediate action is taken against the culprits.

I also suggest that necessary amendment should be brought in the CPC so that stringent punishment could be awarded to the people who play with the chastity of women.

13.40 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

DETAILED DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND OF UNION TERRITORIES WITHOUT LEGISLATURE FOR 1991-92

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): On behalf of Shri S.B. Chavan,

I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions):-

(1) The Detailed Demands for Grants (Volume-I) of the Ministry of Home Affairs for 1991-92.

[Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 418191]

(2) The Detailed Demands for Grants (Volume-II) of the Minsitry of Home Affairs (Union Territories without Legislature) for 1991-92.

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DETAILED DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS FOR 1991-92

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for 1991-92.

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MR. SPEAKER: Now, Shri Ajit Kumar Panja to make a statement.

13.41 hrs.

(MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*)

13.42 hrs

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Prices of Imported Newsprint

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): As the Hon'ble Members are aware the recent increase in the price of imported newsprint has been agitating the minds of Hon'ble Members as well as the newspaper industry. The newspaper establishments had protested against the sudden hike in the prices of imported newsprint, more particularly, the burden of about Rs. 60 crore which was proposed to be passed on to them. The S.T.C. had proposed to raise the prices of standard newsprint by Rs. 4,670/- per